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Applicants : McTeigue et al.

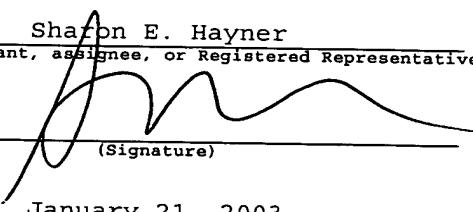
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed September 20, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10 and 25.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 9, 11, 16, 18, 19, and 24 as follows: